

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE,</p> <p>Complainant,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>QWEST CORPORATION AND MCI WORLDCOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,</p> <p>Respondents.</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. FCU-02-5 (C-02-22)</p>
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ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

(Issued October 8, 2002)

On October 2, 2002, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) and MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (WorldCom), filed a joint motion for approval of the settlement agreement contained in the motion. Qwest Corporation (Qwest) did not join in the settlement agreement, but does not contest it.

The issues with respect to WorldCom are separate from the issues with respect to Qwest, so settlement of the part of the case between the Consumer Advocate and WorldCom will have no effect on the part of the case between the Consumer Advocate and Qwest. The settlement agreement is reasonable in light of

the record, is in conformance with all applicable statutes and rules, is in the public interest, and should be approved. 199 IAC 7.2(11).]

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement filed by the Consumer Advocate and WorldCom is granted, and the Settlement Agreement is approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Amy L. Christensen
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Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 8th day of October, 2002.